

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of March 17, 2017
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week

Leviathan Mine Site: The Spring treatment of water in on-site holding ponds at Leviathan is ongoing. The water levels in the on-site holding ponds have nearly reached their 13 million gallon capacity. Despite the Water Board treating more than 1 million gallons of water less than 4 inches of free board still remain. Field crews are working around the clock, in below freezing conditions to keep the temporary treatment system running. Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

The process follows the same general approach as used in the past which treated as much as 8 million gallons of water. EPA is speaking at the local Alpine Watershed Group on March 14 who have asked for an update. (Contact: Lynda Deschambault, x7-4183)

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Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Contact: Chris Dirscherl, x2-3315)

Manzanita Way Mercury Spill, Antioch, CA: An outdoor elemental mercury spill was identified on Monday on a residential street in Antioch, CA, when visible mercury was observed by pedestrians. Contra Costa County Environmental Health Department responded to the scene and 2 EPA OSCs responded to assist. EPA and California Department of Toxic Substances Control contractors worked together through the night on Monday to remove as much visible mercury as possible. Plans to remove and encapsulate remaining mercury contamination on the road surface are currently being evaluated. (Contact: Michelle Rogow, 415-595-8347)

Other Federal Agency Concurrence on EPA's Determinations of No Significant Impact – Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation: This week the Region received concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on our determination of no significant impact to endangered species and critical habitat from the pre-authorized use of dispersants in federal waters offshore of California. Over the past few years the ESA Section 7 Consultation Team (Ned Black, Alexa Engelman, Lance Richman) and U.S. Coast Guard colleagues completed an

analyses of potential impacts to endangered species from the pre-authorized use of dispersants. (Contact: Lance Richman, x2-3022)

Significant Items for Next Week

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

AMCO Community Event (Oakland, CA)- This weekend, EPA and the AMCO Community Advisory Group are hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony to start the groundwater and soil cleanup at the AMCO Superfund Site in West Oakland. The thermal treatment system will use temperatures of up to 100 degrees Celsius to vaporize and capture contaminants, which will be condensed and transported offsite for safe disposal. The environmental justice community where the site is located have been strong advocates for decades to have the site cleaned up to revitalize the community. (Kelly Manheimer, 2-3290)

Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard (San Francisco, Calif.): On March 15, the Hunter's Point/Bayview Environmental Justice Task Force will give updates on pollution complaints filed with IVAN online, and presentations on: Greenaction Bayview/Hunter's Point Youth Environmental & Climate Justice Leadership Academy. OEHHA (Office of Health Hazard Assessment/CalEPA) will provide information on new updates to CalEnviroScreen and its ranking of Bayview/Hunters Point as a vulnerable community. Further, representatives from GRID Alternatives, a non-profit solar panel company, will provide information on the installation of solar panels for Bayview residents. (Contact: Jackie Lane, x2-3236 and Lily Lee, x7-4187)

30-60 Day Outlook

South Coast Air Quality Management District Board Hearing, Torrance, CA: On April 1, the SCAQMD's governing board is holding a public hearing into matters concerning the Torrance Refinery in Torrance, CA. EPA and a number of federal, state and local agencies, have been invited to participate in panel discussions. Federal, state and local elected officials have

also been invited to speak. The hearing is scheduled from 9 am to 4 pm and will be held in the City of Torrance. This is the second, recent, public meeting regarding the Torrance Refinery and media interest is expected to be extremely high. (Contact: Dan Meer, x2-3132)

Other Information

Division Director Schedule: Enrique Manzanilla is attending the DD - ICS Institute Training 2017 in Pittsburgh, PA, on March 20-22, and he is also attending the Briefing on Navajo AUM Projects with DOJ, OMB, EPA HQ, and DOE in Washington, DC on March 23-25. John Lyons is acting for Enrique.

Internal to Region 9

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San Gabriel Valley Area 2 (Baldwin Park): Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

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